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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masayuki HIRANO et al.) Confirmation No.: 7669
Application No.: 09/943,085) Examiner: G. Wang
Filed: August 31, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2882
For: X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS,)
X-RAY IMAGING APPARATUS, AND)
X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2002 (Paper No. 8), the period for response to which extends through March 16, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) An X-ray generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cathode current detecting means has a cathode current detecting resistor, connected to said cathode, for detecting said cathode current; and

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